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1949 NAVIGATION SEASON BEGINS
ON EUROPEAN USSR RIVERS AND LAKES

ON WHITE SEA-BALTIC CANAL -- Pravda, No 137, 17 May 49

The fourth postwar navigation season was opened on the White Sea-Baltic Canal named Stalin on 15 May. The passenger steamer Rosa Luxemburg made the first trip. It carried a cargo of timber to the Segezha Cellulose and Paper Combine.

LENINGRAD AREA LAKES -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 112, 14 May 49

Navigation has opened on Lakes Ladoga and Onega. Service has begun between Leningrad and Petrozavodsk, and steamships will leave Leningrad for Medvezhegor'sk on Sundays and Wednesdays.

BARGES BEGIN MOSCOW-LENINGRAD RUN -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 110, 10 May 49

Freight service by water has begun between Moscow and Leningrad. Self-propelled barges leave Moscow every 2 days and make the 1,474-kilometer trip in 148 hours.

ON MOSKVA RIVER -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 101, 29 Apr 49

The Diesel ship Baydukov left the Ehiaki landing on 29 April at 0900. This opened the passenger season on the Moscow-Vitinevo suburban line, a 40-kilometer run. It was followed at 1105 by the Diesel ship Kokkinaki. In the near future, the line will be extended to Tishkovo. Three Diesel ships will carry passengers on this line.

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Vechernyaya Moskva, No 112, 12 May 49

The V. G. Belinskiy, the first passenger steamship, arrived on 12 May at the Khimki Pier, Moscow Rayon, from Molotov on the Kama. The V. G. Korolenko will arrive on 14 May.

ON KAMA RIVER -- Izvestiya, No 109, 11 May 49

Navigaton has opened on the Kama River. Two new tugs will be put in operation and passenger traffic will be increased. In addition to the Molotov-Gor'kiy and Molotov-Astrakhan' lines, a new line from Molotov to Moscow will be opened.

MOLOTOV-ASTRAKHAN' IN 155 HOURS -- Rechnov Transport, No 39, 17 May 49

The freight Diesel ship ST-325 recently made its first trip from Molotov to Astrakhan', a distance of 2,700 kilometers, in 155 hours. The cargo consisted of metal for ship-repair plants in Astrakhan'. The ship left Dobryanka, 44 kilometers from Molotov, on 9 May and reached Astrakhan' on 16 May, having stopped for only 2 hours to refuel.

On its return trip the ship will carry metal for metalworking plants in the Urals.

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